

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In one aspect the present invention provides purification devices for reducing the amount of contaminants in water, each device includes a water-soluble flocculant disposed within a body defining a multiplicity of pores, wherein the pores have an average diameter in the range of from 1  $\mu\text{m}$  to 2000  $\mu\text{m}$ . The present invention also provides methods for reducing the amount of contaminants in water.

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